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GOV. SIEGELMAN MAKES ANNOUNCEMENT

## State provides vital levee funds

by Linda Hodge, Staff Writer

It was a day of good news and even better news last Thursday afternoon as Governor Don Siegelman visited the City of Elba.

The "National Security Conference Center was decorated with broken levees and sand bags," everyone anticipated the governor's announcement concerning the future of the levees in Elba and Geneva.

"We all remember the torrential rains of 1998," said Gov. Siegelman. "Then, I came to offer solace and help. Today, I come here to offer hope and help."

Siegelman announced to the crowd of over 300 people that with the passing of current legislation, the state of Alabama will be able to provide over \$10 million dollars in matching funds towards the rebuilding of the levees in Elba and Geneva. This will complete the funding for the levee projects by attaining the 35 percent matching funds to accommodate the already appropriated federal funds.

"This is the greatest victory we have had in many years," said Geneva Mayor Warren Beck. "Today, Governor

Senate will approve it as well.

"During the flood, I remember two communities coming together - people showing no regard for themselves, but for others," Siegelman said. "It's a special spirit that you people have, and I think that is a direct effect of why we are here today."

EBA Mayor James Grimes

said Gov. Siegelman for the news he brought to Elba, but he also thanked many other individuals and groups that have worked hour after hour in getting the two cities to this point.

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# SCHOOLS

Impressions of Italy explored by EHS students



## Tiger Tales

Editors:  
Bethany Dye  
Amanda  
Beerensrauch

### Student Spotlight

by Francie English

Name: Renee Mitchell  
Parents: Joe and Jansy Mitchell  
Age: 16-years-old  
Grade: 10th

Favorite Color: Purple  
Favorite Music: Rap

Interests/Hobbies: Cooking

Personal Quote: "One night stand."



Renee Mitchell  
is planning on getting a job.

Her most memorable moment at Elba High was the time that she got into a mud fight.

After she receives her diploma,

"Et Tu Brute?" These famous words sparked a venomous conspiracy filled with jealousy, hygiene, and murder. On April 20, students from Elba High attended Julius Caesar on Class Day at the Alabama Shakespeare Festival in Montgomery. AP and Advanced English students from the 10th and 12th grades viewed the bloodthirsty conspiracy that Shakespeare portrays so well.

The Shakespearean play lasted two hours and was preceded by a question-and-answer session with two of the actors. Students also learned about the main themes of the play—ambition, honor, jealousy, dedication, patriotism and power.

After leaving the Alabama Shakespeare Festival, the EHS students had the opportunity to sample a taste of Rome. They dined at the Olive Garden, eating happily and savoring every bite of the Italian celebration. The field trip was a cultural exploration and a lesson learned in the history of Shakespeare.

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### Crash course in bridge-making

by Bethany Dye

On Wednesday and Thursday, April 18 and 19, Mr. Carlile's Algebra I and Calculus classes "erected bridges." Each student was required to build a bridge between 15 and 18 inches long completely out of glue and popsicle sticks. The bridges also could not be more than 12 inches tall.

Each student's bridge was placed between two garbage cans that were 13 inches apart. A bucket was then hung from the bridge and weights were put in the bucket one by one until the bridge gave way. The weight in the bucket was then measured and recorded.

The bridges were graded on craftsmanship, design and weight capacity. Some bridges held over two hundred pounds. The project was a lesson in engineering, patience, and most of all, trial and error.



Student improvises on bridge construction

Lynn Weeks, guidance counselor, will meet with all interested parents and students who will be in grades 10 thru 12 NEXT school year to discuss college and scholarship information. It is important to begin working on resumes and toward scholarships as early as 9th grade. All parents or students grades 10-12 are strongly encouraged to attend. This meeting will be in the high school auditorium at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, May 21, 2001.

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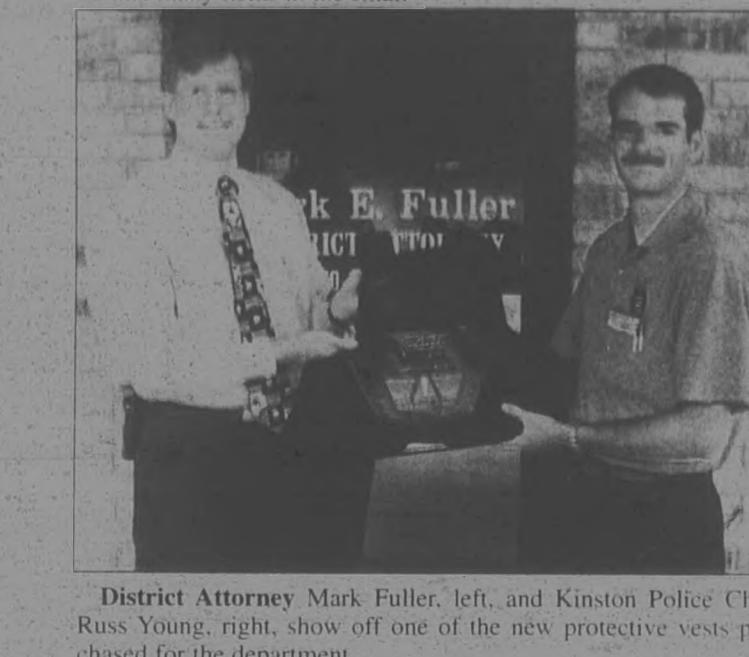
## COMMUNITY NEWS

District Attorney assists KPD purchase protective vests

District Attorney Mark E. Fuller was recently able to assist the Kinston Police Department in the purchase of two protective body armor vests.

Recent studies have shown that the protective vests have prevented the deaths of line law enforcement officers, and it is estimated that nearly 100 percent of the officers in Coffee and Pike counties in Coffee and Pike counties are equipped with the protective vests.

Russ Young, right, Russ Young commented that he was most appreciative of the district attorney providing the vests for his department. He further stated that many items in the small-



District Attorney Mark Fuller, left, and Kinston Police Chief Russ Young, right, show off one of the new protective vests purchased for the department.

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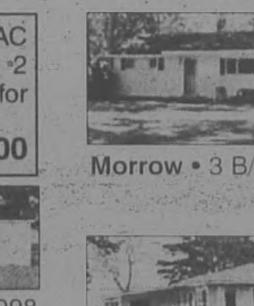


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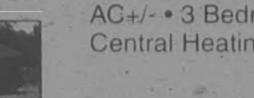
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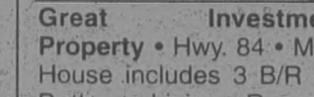
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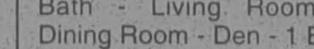
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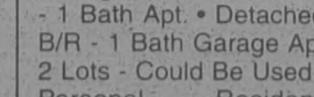
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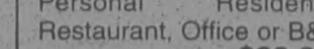
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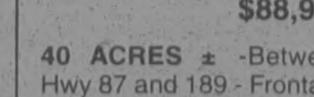
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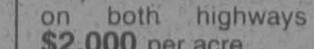
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REMEMBERING YESTERYEAR... Sarah Justice and Preston Smiley of Elba recently came across this picture taken in the late 1950s at the Adams Place between Elba and Opp. It's a captured moment in time that depicts the "way things were done" all those years ago. Those captured working in the cotton field are (from left) John Glen Lee, John B. Johnson, Haley Smiley, Perry Mount, Eddie Bell Turner, Sheila Brooks and Hattie Blount.

Duncan wins state finals of pageant

For competing in and winning the Christmas pageant in Troy, Brittny Paige Duncan advanced to the state finals in Birmingham of the Americas, Cover Miss and Cover Boy USA pageant.

At state, Brittny won over all state, photogenic, most beautiful, second runner up in casual wear and first runner up in her dress. She received two regular crowns, a state

crown and banner, a 4 H trophy and a \$10,000 savings bond.

She will now represent the State of Alabama in the national competition in Orlando, Fla., July 7-10.

Brittny is the daughter of Wayne and Jenny Duncan of Troy. Her grandparents are Robert and Dianne Duncan of Elba and Jeff and Rhonda Peters and Nathan Nelson, all of Jack. Her great-grandparents are Lenore and Lillian Larkes of Jack.

Brittny has two brothers, Blake Golden and Shane Duncan.

"Fun Fest" activities will include duck pond, bean bag toss, go fish, balloon burst, face painting, cake walk, sweet shoppe, balloons, clowns, food and much more.

"Bingo" prizes have been donated by merchants in Elba, Troy, Enterprise and other surrounding areas.

Everyone is invited to attend. There will be activities for all ages. All proceeds will benefit the American Cancer Society Relay for Life. Call 897-1535 for more details.

Jack Fun Fest and Bingo set for Saturday, May 5

Jack in a Box Daycare & Learning Center, 1430 County Road 208, Jack, will be sponsoring "Jack Fun Fest and Bingo" on Saturday, May 5, at the center. The "Fun Fest" will begin at 3 p.m. and the "Bingo" will begin at 6 p.m.

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Brittney Paige Duncan

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## Spring Fever

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Tray Morrow, age 6 months, and Holly Hughes, age 4, are the children of William and Janina Morrow of Elba.

Nicholas, age 2, is the son of Jeff and Vicki Johnson of Elba.

Jasmine Walker, age 5, and Quintez Johnson, age 2, are the children of Dennis and Nancy Smith of Elba.

Hayden, age 4, is the son of John and Lisa McClung of Dothan.

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Lindsey, age 7, and Garrett, age 5, are the children of Dennis and Nancy Smith of Elba.

Brooklyn, Aaron and Christen, all age 1, are the children of Patrick and Julie Norris of Elba.

Savannah, age 11, Lindsey, age 9, and Victoria, age 6, are the daughters of Denise and David Sikes of Elba.

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# SPORTS

## Views from... THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Our youngest had to write an essay last week about why she likes red velvet cake, and how she would make one. This week she will get the chance to get in the kitchen and put her words into action as she will go by the recipe and try to bake a cake that will be as mouth-watering as the one she wrote about. I have never been much of a baker and neither has Mom, but I am sure that with some help from big sister and a little luck everything will turn out fine, and maybe we'll even get to eat some cake.

### HITS AND MISSES...

\*\*\* The Elba Lady Tigers baseball team saw its season end last week with an opening round playoff loss to Flomaton, and while the 6-1 record and early exit from the playoffs were both disappointing, the youthful Tigers learned a lot as the season went along and gained a great deal of "on the job" training. Coach Grimes knew that the 2001 season would be a rebuilding year for his team, and to make the playoffs really made the season some what of a success, despite the losing record. The Tigers' starting line-up in the playoff game last week included two seniors, four sophomores and three freshmen, and that is young by anyone's standards. Hey, you have to crawl before you learn to walk, and then must walk before you run. This year's Elba Tigers crawled at times, but they were running before the season ended, and should have some big years ahead.

\*\*\* The Elba Lady Tigers competed in the Samson Invitational Softball Tournament last week and claimed four wins in six games to place third. The Lady Tigers were short-handed due to the band's trip to Florida, but the girls never made any excuses and simply played as hard as they could in each of the six games. Two of the wins came over such softball powers as G.W. Long and Houston Academy, and even though the girls were all tired when they got through playing, they could hold their heads high and talk about the good things that happened. Good job girls, keep up the hard work and we will keep coming.

\*\*\* The Elba Department of Parks and Recreation's youth baseball and softball seasons are in full swing, and if you haven't been up to the parks, drive on up and if you don't stop just try and count all the cars that pack the parking lots at both Hawkins-Williams and Legion Field. The families are coming out in huge numbers to support their favorite players, and so far it looks like every one is having a great time. There may not be much to do in Elba on most week nights, but if you enjoy baseball and softball, the parks are the place to be.

\*\*\* I talked with Elba's interim head football coach Mike Waters last week and he said that 53 boys had signed up for spring football drills at Elba High. While I am sure that number will dwindle as spring training gets going and the temperature begins to rise, that is the biggest group in years, and maybe the student-athletes at Elba High are finally determined to turn things back around. It will be interesting to see how many players will be on the field when the spring game is held, and just how this new batch of Tigers get after the football.

\*\*\* It appears to me that the NCAA has a hard time finding concrete evidence of wrong doings at Alabama and is listening to anybody that wants to talk as it's investigators walk the streets of Memphis. The latest report is that a Memphis banker gave some recruits \$500 to give to strippers brought in to perform at a party for the recruits. I am sure that recruits have been taken to clubs and shown a good time at just about every college in the nation, and that these accusations are common place and are nothing more than NCAA people grasping for straws.

The NCAA did away with athlete dorms years ago, have cut back practice time with coaches, and now seems to want to know everything about how recruits are treated. Maybe the college coaches should ask for the expense account records of the NCAA officers, and its investigators and see just where they spend their time when on the road.

\*\*\* The retirement announcement last week of long time Enterprise High football coach Bill Bacon came as no real surprise. Word had been leaking out for months that the coach would retire, and all last week's announcement did make it official. Now the big news is who will replace Bacon. From what I have heard, the folks over in Enterprise are divided about whether or not to stay in house and promote assistant coach Buck Hanson, or go outside and possibly hire former Alabama standout and current Birmingham high school coach Joey Jones. If one doesn't believe that a change is just what the program needed. Now the hard part will be to get just the right person for the job.

\*\*\* In closing... I still encourage parents and fans of the youth baseball and softball teams to make some action shots of your favorite teams and bring them by the Clipper. We would love to use your photos in the sports pages and share your pride, and photographic skills. C'mon folks, bring em by today!

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### Claim four wins in six games

### Lady Tigers place third in Samson tourney

The Elba Lady Tigers competed in the Samson Invitational Softball Tournament last weekend in Samson and claimed four wins in six games to place third in the annual event.

The Lady Tigers posted wins over Kinston 24-8, G.W. Long 14-11, Kinston 11-2 and Houston Academy 10-8, while losing to Samson 13-2 and 9-8. Melinda Kelley had 2 hits.

Following are highlights of the tournament action:

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## Governor Don Siegelman visits Elba



Governor Don Siegelman with Geneva Mayor Warren Beck (l) and Elba Mayor James Grimes (r).



Gov. Siegelman enjoys the day's entertainment.



Senator Jimmy Holley, Mary Holley, Dale Moseley and Gov. Siegelman enjoy their meal together.

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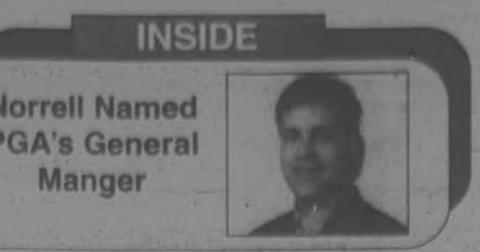
Gov. Siegelman poses for a picture with the staff of The Ranch House Cafeteria. The Ranch House catered the barbecue meal which was served during the Governor's visit to Elba last Thursday.

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## Dorsey auction date set for June 1st

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

Dorsey Trailers, Inc. is slowly moving forward to clear the U.S. Bankruptcy Court, sell the assets, and thus give local workers an opportunity to return to work.

The latest order from the court, in Chapter 11 Case No. 00-06792-WRS, concerning Dorsey Trailers, Inc., Debtor and Debtor in Possession, was issued following an April 26th hearing in which the court set out the procedures for a June 1st AUCTION to be held in Bankruptcy Court, Courtroom #1, Montgomery, AL at 10:00 a.m. The notice indicates, "The Sale hearing may be adjourned from time to time without further notice other than by announcement of said adjournment at the Sale Hearing and at any adjournments thereto."

Any person or group wishing to bid on the company assets as of this June 1st event may do so by following the required bidding procedures as set out by the

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court. For any competing bid to be considered it must exceed the existing bid of Acquisition Co.'s purchase price by no less than \$255,000.00. Any such bid must be for all the assets in a single lot, and be substantially the same terms and conditions as those in the Agreement.

Plans for such competing bids must be submitted to the court, the company and several other legal representatives of financially interested parties. Such bids must conform with guidelines set by the court and received no later than 4:00 p.m. on May 29, 2001. A deposit of \$200,000.00 must accompany the bid. Bids received must remain open and irrevocable through June 22nd, plus contain evidence of ability to finance the purchase and consummate the transaction.

Objections to the sale motion must be made in writing and must also be filed by the May 29th 4:00 p.m. deadline.

At the June 1st auction only entities who submitted a competing bid notice will be permitted to participate. Subsequent bids by these entities at the hearings shall be in increments of \$10,000.00.

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